

Resource Spotlight: Missouri Student Survey



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Many of our hot topic data briefs feature data from the Missouri Student Survey (MSS). This important resource provides data that allows schools and community partners to monitor needs and work with students to encourage healthy, responsible behaviors.

What is the MSS?

The Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH) and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) conduct the Missouri Student Survey (MSS) on even numbered years. This survey asks Missouri students in grades 6-12 a variety of questions about topics including substance use, mental health, suicidal ideation and bullying. The next administration of the MSS will take place January-March of 2018, and all Missouri schools are invited to participate.

Where can MSS data be found?

Publically available data (state and county level) can be found in several forms on the Missouri Behavioral Health Epidemiology Workgroup website:

<https://dmh.mo.gov/ada/mobhew/>. MSS data are featured on the Data Website, in BHEW reports and briefs, and in MSS reports.

Data Website: The website: <https://seow.dmh.mo.gov/> provides access to a variety of Missouri behavioral health data including the MSS. Users can find selected MSS data included in the county-level Mapping and Ranking and Quick County Data tools, or do a detailed search of MSS data indicators using the Detailed Search tool. Information about how to use these tools can be found in the Data Website section of the main BHEW site.

BHEW Reports and Briefs: The most current MSS data is included in the State and Community Epidemiological Profiles each year. County-level Summaries of MSS data are provided on even numbered years. MSS data is also frequently featured in BHEW briefs, which are archived and available to view on the main BHEW website.

MSS Reports and Instruments: The survey questions and question wording changes from previous years are publically available on the main BHEW website. The 2018 survey questions are in development, but will be posted in this section of the BHEW website as soon as possible. Following each administration of the MSS, the BHEW generates a Final Report summarizing the results of the survey.

BHEW email list: We welcome anyone interested in MSS and other Missouri data to join our email list so we can share data briefs, reports, and updates on the MSS and other important data as soon as they are released! You can join by contacting the BHEW using the contact information provided on this brief.